

Miller & Rhoads

Mail Orders Filled at Advertised Prices.

Specials for To-Day

Special closing-out prices prevail in all holiday departments to-day.

Among other Bargains in the store to-day are:

Evening Silks Most Complete Assortment
Exceptionally Low Prices

The Silk section of the store is aglow with these beautiful goods. All the evening tints in a wide assortment of fabrics.

Dotted Seers, 27 inches wide, 39c yard.
Printed Crepe de Chine, 55c yd.
Satin Messaline, 19 inches wide, 69c yard.
Silk Faille, 24 inches wide, 75c yard.
Plain Crepe de Chine, 55c, 75c, 81 & \$1.50 yard.
Chevron Messaline, 75c yard.

Colored Taffetas, 75c yd
Satin Stripe Chiffon Cloths, \$1 yard.
Cotton Warp Crepe de Chine, 27 inches wide, in white, cream, lavender, light blue, cardinal & Nile, 79c yd.

Boys' Clothing

SPECIAL!—A Football or Sweater FREE with every purchase of \$3.50 worth or over.

Boys' Velvet Suits, in Russian style; coat trimmed with braid & silk monogram, bloomer trousers; brown, green & blue; sizes 3 to 6 years. Were \$5, now \$2.95.

Boys' Suits, all pure worsted, in dark blue, double-breasted coat, lined with serge, Knickerbocker pants. Good, serviceable Suits for boys between 8 & 17 years. \$5.

Boys' Sweaters, medium dark gray wool chevlon, lined with gray flannel, double-breasted, velvet collar. Very dressy. Sizes 8 to 14 years. \$5.

Children's Hats & Bonnets—Cut Prices

Tan Felt Hats, were \$3.75, now \$2.50.
White Felt Hats, were \$6, now \$4.
White Felt Hats for little boys, were \$2.50, now \$1.50.
White Felt Bonnets, were \$1.75, now \$1.25.
It's an after-Christmas opportunity you shouldn't miss.

Children's New Coats Underpriced

\$4.50 & \$5 values for \$2.75 to \$3.50
Bearskin & cloth, in red, Copenhagen blue, brown & gray. Every garment new. Sizes 2 to 6 years.
The prices range from \$2.75 to \$3.50, & the values are \$4.50 & \$5.

Big Bargains in Dress Goods

We've made some tremendous cuts in the prices of Desirable Dress Goods, such as:

\$7.00 Striped Suitings, in brown, gray & blue, 50c yd

Checked Suitings, in green, brown, navy, olive & dark tan. Regular \$1.50 & \$2 value, 75c yd

Furs! Better Values Than You've Ever Seen at the Prices

The proof of this assertion is in the furs themselves.

Brown Cooney Throw Scarfs, medium length, satin lined, \$1.05.
Brown Cooney Muffs to match, square or pillow shape, medium size, satin lined, \$2.05.
Caracul Muffs, pillow shape, satin lined, \$4.95.

Large Throw Caracul Scarfs, satin lined, \$3.95.
Blended Squirrel Pillow Muffs, \$5.95, \$10 & \$12.50.
Blended Squirrel Scarfs to match the muffs, \$5.95 to \$16.50.
Pillow Shape Fox Muffs, \$5.95, \$8.95 & \$9.95.

QUIET CHRISTMAS CELEBRATED HERE

Snow, Slush and Rain Keep People Indoors, Town Being Orderly All Day.

MANY GIFTS TO CITY'S POOR

Bonfires Blaze in All Directions, While "Snow Men" Look On and Quickly Melt.

With overhanging skies, from which there came at times a misty rain, and underfoot, Richmond enjoyed its Christmas under difficulties, though with undiminished enthusiasm. Bonfires burned as brilliantly as ever, fireworks rising to cloudy, mist-laden skies, while indoors Christmas cheerfulness on every hand, there being none too proud and none too poor to recognize the greatest of festivals, the anniversary of the birth of the founder of the Christian faith. But it is rather as a joyous holiday than as a festival of the church that the day has come to Richmond. It has been a day of family reunions and genuine good cheer, for the exchange of gifts, and of pleasant wishes for the holiday season.

A "Dry Christmas," for the first time in its existence, Richmond observed a "dry" Christmas. Though save for the closing of the bars, all was wet, above and below. Notice had been given that Sunday hours would be observed at all liquor houses, and most people had made ample preparation.

Streets were very deserted, no business being transacted, many of the soda water and drug stores closing early in the afternoon. But for the little of Christmas Eve fireworks floating in snow and slush, and the occasional bonfire kept up by untiring boys, who stood ankle deep in snow, warm themselves, the streets had more of a Sunday appearance than usual. Bonfires proved the chief joy of the small boys, who gathered about piles of blazing barrels, setting off fireworks, yelling like demons, and occasionally pelting with snowballs some passerby. At the same time, the fire barrels went to feed the blaze, the fires being kept up late into the night. In one of the suburbs people passing on the cars saw the grotesque sight of a row of dignified snow men, standing out white in the night, holding out their hands toward the great bonfire, the heat of which finally caused their collapse, their ruin being aided by explosions of fireworks and volleys of Roman candles.

The Poor Remembered.

Probably never before in the history of the city has so large a number of the poor been so liberally fed, reminded by the snowstorm of the sufferings and privations of the unfortunate, every one did his part, and if any one went hungry in the city yesterday, it was because he did not know to whom to apply for aid. At all public and private institutions in the city the day was recognized with special privileges and an abundance of good cheer. Probably no dinner in Richmond surpassed in its profusion of good things that served to the old men, the boys, the girls, the turkey, oysters, plum pudding and many accessories. At the orphan asylums, hospitals and homes of every kind there were special efforts to make the day enjoyable, even at the city penitentiary, where the routine of the day being lightened and a more ample supply of edibles distributed.

All of the organized charities distributed in large measure and with open hands to the necessity of the indigent sick and those out of employment. The Associated Charities, the Methodist Institute supplied baskets to large numbers, many fraternal organizations also giving away supplies, fuel and provisions. The Elks and the Leo Camp Auxiliary were leaders in this form of charity, many churches taking care of their own members.

The Salvation Army operated its distribution of Christmas baskets from the armory, sending out supplies for about 500 families. About fifty deserving colored families were supplied through the colored church mission.

Services appropriate to the day were held in many Episcopal, Catholic and other churches, in all of which Christmas music was the predominant feature, some of the programs being elaborate and carefully prepared. Most of the Christmas music will be repeated at the services to-morrow morning.

Throughout the day express wagons plodded through the snow piles, delivering Christmas packages, the post-office also keeping a number of wagons out for the delivery of bundles. Florists and department stores delivered many belated bundles, which the boys of Christmas Eve had prevented on the previous night.

Work will be resumed in clearing the banks of snow from the business streets to-day, and by early next week the street cleaning will be well advanced with the difficulties which, during the past few days, have almost overwhelmed it.

MISS JONES OUT OF DANGER

Police Department Working Hard to Find and Arrest Her Assassin.
In the attack on Miss Florence Jones, in the 109 North Twenty-ninth Street, yesterday night, but so far they have failed to make any arrest. Miss Jones was unable, in the darkness, to serve her assailant, and she cannot give particulars of the assault or describe the man.

She was reported last night to be out of danger, though suffering a great deal. She had been ill before, and the heavy blow aggravated her condition. She will recover, but she will probably forget her experience in the dark with the unknown negro. The Police Department is making every effort to find and arrest him, and they will probably succeed in the next few days in discovering the culprit.

LEG FRACTURED

Negro From Seven Pines Hit by Street Car—No Injuries.
Richard Venable, colored, of Seven Pines, suffered a compound fracture of the left leg, below the knee, yesterday, at some point between the city and his home. Venable claims to have been struck by a street car, although he is not making a very clear statement of how the accident occurred. He was removed to the Virginia Hospital, where an operation was performed. The mother of the car alleged the negro was driving it, but he rendered his statement impossible for him to prevent it.

COUNCIL TO LOOK INTO GRAFT

Dr. Reade Declares System of Charging Paupers a Disgrace to City Home.

MAY DEMAND EXPLANATION

Takes Up Dr. Eggleston's Statement as Basis for Calling on Old Committee to Specify.

Stringent methods will be adopted to stamp out the practice of exacting ambulance fees from paupers, admitted by two of the internes of the City Home to have long been the accepted practice of the institution. The Council Committee on Relief of the Poor will be called for a special meeting early next week, when the advice of the visiting staff of physicians will be asked as to the steps which will most surely break up this and any other abuses of the system which may have crept in from time to time.

Most of the evidence before the committee as to the charging of fees for ambulance and hospital work is in the shape of two statements issued by Internes Eggleston, both intended to be for his own defense. In both statements he unhesitatingly admits the general practice of charging for services under certain conditions, and justifies his position by the statement that the committee sanctioned the fee system until a short time ago.

Chairman of the Committee on Relief of the Poor, the only present member of the former committee, states emphatically that as a member of the committee he had no knowledge of such a system.

"On one occasion in my recollection," says Mr. Eggleston, "it was rumored that the young men were making a charge for signing death certificates. The question was asked in the committee, and Superintendent Davis flatly and promptly denied that the young men were allowed to make any charges for services rendered in emergency and ambulance cases, and the matter was treated at the almshouse. After this denial no further inquiry was made in my hearing in the old committee."

Dr. Frank M. Reade, chairman of the subcommittee on New Rules for the reorganization of the almshouse, modern lines, said last night that the new committee had been in office only since September 1st, and that by resolution it had stopped the fees within sixty days after its organization. The move was made on recommendation of the new superintendent, Dr. Cabell, who has been in office an even shorter time.

Not Sanctioned by Committee.

Dr. Reade continued: "However much the old committee and the old superintendent may have allowed the charging of fees to be applied to the city for treatment in a street fight or question of the attitude of the new committee and new superintendent on the subject. Dr. Eggleston says in his statement that the committee sanctioned the collection of fees. If this is true, I think the Council should demand an explanation of the old committee and the old superintendent as to why such plain and open graft was allowed in the city administration, certainly under new conditions and under the new superintendent, and the new regime such practices will not be tolerated."

A member of the visiting staff in charge of the City Hospital said yesterday that the internes involved in the present difficulty seemed to have no appreciation of their position.

Do Not Appreciate Position.

"To a seriously-minded young man, proposing to make a profession of the practice of medicine, he said, 'there could be no better appointment from our Richmond hospital than to the ambulance and City Hospital, where the young men have an opportunity to train themselves in meeting emergencies and in treating accident cases such as a physician in practice, especially a young man, would seldom secure. And in the hospital the young men, just from college and supposed to be completing their medical education, have the opportunity of training under some of the best physicians who compose the visiting staff. These young men, in my judgment, because of some faint slight or the withdrawal of 'perquisites which they never should have had, are throwing away the opportunity of their lives. The selection of internes next year will be in the hands of the visiting staff, and we shall be careful to select men who are ambitious in their profession, rather than men who are looking for a job in the ambulance up and down Broad Street to watch the people pass.'"

Notwithstanding the flat denial of Dr. Eggleston that any patient had ever been turned away from the home because of inability to pay the fee required by the internes, a Richmond physician, who has private practice, related yesterday his statement that he had treated such a case, and said he could bring names and dates to the committee if it were found necessary.

Patient Refused Treatment.

"I was treating a poor woman as an act of private charity," he said. "One day her son was brought home in the ambulance, having had his foot crushed. The interne in charge, whoever he may have been, dressed the foot properly and left the boy at his home. Several days later he was able to walk with a stick, and went over to the almshouse, only a few blocks, to have his foot dressed. The interne refused him further treatment unless paid \$5 cents. The boy's home was without money, neither he nor his mother having the money. I found him in bed a day or two later with his foot seriously infected, and treated him myself."

Notwithstanding the fact that both the medical staff and the Committee on Relief of the Poor have declined to accept his resignation until a substitute could be secured, Dr. White has abandoned his post and taken his baggage from the institution. He is said to be now in Staunton. As there is already one vacancy at the institution, Dr. White's leaving places the whole board, both of hospital and ambulance work, on Dr. Eggleston, whose resignation is pending, and on the new intern, Dr. Bell, who has been at the institution only a few weeks.

SCHOONER FROM RICHMOND LOST

Lumber Laden Vessel Warner Moore Abandoned and Water-logged.

LOSS \$30,000; NO INSURANCE

Crew of Six Men Not Heard from by Passing Ship, and May Be Lost.

The steamer City of Atlanta, of the Ocean Steamship Company, which cleared from Boston for Savannah, Ga., on December 22d, reported by wireless last night that she had passed yesterday afternoon the waterlogged schooner Warner Moore, of Richmond, with flag flying upside down in the mizen rigging. There was no one on board the schooner when the City of Atlanta sighted her. The deserted vessel was encountered in latitude 37.45 north, longitude 74.40 west.

The schooner Warner Moore, commanded by Captain Crockett, of Rockland, Me., carries papers from Richmond. Mr. Warner Moore being a part owner. She left from Charleston, S. C., for Providence, R. I., on December 17th. She is of 354 tons burden.

Mr. Moore, after whom the schooner is named, entered the last night of the vessel, and was found by the wireless dispatch indicating the loss of the vessel. He expressed great surprise, as he had heard nothing of the vessel's abandonment.

"The schooner was laden with lumber," he said. "I do not know the value of the cargo, but the vessel itself was valued at \$30,000, on which there was no insurance. I owned more than one-half interest. The schooner carried a crew of six men, of whom nothing has been heard."

FOUND BALL IN POCKET

William Lee, colored, Shot Twice by Robert Kimbrough.
William Lee, colored, of Richmond, both colored, engaged in a row last night, and Lee was shot through the hand as a result by Kimbrough. Another ball, it is reported, was carried through the skin into his coat pocket, where it was later found by Dr. Bell, of the city ambulance corps, who attended the man.

Men who were engaged in a drunken altercation, and Lee said to Kimbrough that he was going to tell on him for having taken one too many. The latter, it is reported, was carrying a .38 caliber revolver, and Lee, who was unarmed, had recourse to his six-shooter. Lee was not seriously injured, but Dr. Bell thought it best to take him to the colored hospital.

CHRISTMAS FIGHTS

Henry Crenshaw, of Fulton, Stabbed in Stomach as Result of Street Row.
Henry Crenshaw, of 1316 Lester Street, Fulton, was stabbed in the stomach last night in a street fight with another man, who afterwards made his escape. The wound was serious, and Crenshaw was carried into his home where the ambulance was called. Dr. Bell in charge, was summoned. He will recover.

Men who were also called to attend Johnson Ford, colored, of Newtown, who was cut with a razor by an unknown negro.
A call was made to Dolly Harris, colored, of Seventeenth and Broad Streets, who was assaulted and badly hurt by James Davis. She was beaten about the head and shoulders and body. Davis was captured and arrested.

CHARITY HELPERS GIVE DINNER TO MANY PEOPLE

The Rev. James Buchanan, of the Association of Ministers, early yesterday, considering weather conditions and the outlook for a busy day on Christmas, his work had been unusually light, and he was accompanied by food and fuel, all of which were supplied. Dinner was served to the news and messenger boys of the city, and the head of the Association and body, hungry mouths were fed. Every demand for assistance was met.

HELD CRACKER TOO LONG; MAY LOSE EYE

Walter Cottrell Game in Hospital, Saying He Can See All Right With the Other.
Walter L. Cottrell, fifteen years old, son of W. S. Cottrell, of No. 1417 North Thirty-second Street, was severely injured yesterday, as many have been, by the explosion of a dynamite firecracker. Young Cottrell was in the act of throwing the long red explosive into the air when it went off in his hand, very close to his face. The accident occurred near Fifteenth and Franklin Streets at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The boy was accompanied by two friends, both older than himself, who had the presence of mind to hurry to the Memorial Hospital, where medical attention was at once given. Cottrell never lost consciousness, and bore his suffering with fortitude.

"The treatment he was told that he might lose the sight of an eye, and his calm reply was: 'O, I'll have one good eye left if I do, and I guess I can see all right with that.' The boy's face is terribly swollen and accompanied by a large bruise. Physicians stated last night that the patient was resting quietly, but that it cannot be told until to-day whether his eye will be saved.

LIGHT POLICE DOCKET

Six Violators Are Sent to Jail for Twelve Months for Carrying Concealed Weapons.
Numerous drunks were discharged yesterday morning by Police Justice Crutchenfeld, but in every case where a charge of disorder or resistance was added the violator was severely punished. The police were much worried during the day by promiscuous pistol shooting, and out of ten men arrested for carrying concealed weapons, eight were sentenced to jail for twelve months in default of bond. The docket, however, was unusually light for the season, and the business of the court was concluded in less than half an hour.

AARON'S CASE POSTPONED

Defendants Are Positive the Peddler Held Up by John and Hubert Mr. Hubert.
Hearing of the case against Henry Aaron, the alleged peddler, who is charged with having held up and robbed a Common Council member yesterday night, was postponed until to-day. A statement is given that the charge against him cannot be proved. Mr. Aaron is now a patient in the Memorial Hospital, where he sustained his wound, which was found on Aaron.

BOY DIES FROM EFFECTS OF DRINKING WHISKEY

BRUTAL SHOOTING ENDS CRAP GAME

Negro Almost Killed Because He Would Not Buy His Friend's Revolver.

Because Reuben Johnson refused to advance him \$2 on a pistol, Buck Hopkins (colored), one of a number of negroes engaged in a crap game at No. 325 South Second Street, at 2:40 o'clock yesterday morning, borrowed a revolver from another negro at the table and before any one could check him fired a bullet into Johnson's head, inflicting a fatal wound. The victim was unconscious all day, and the report from the colored almshouse is that there was no chance of his recovery. Hopkins did not attempt to get away, and was arrested in less than half an hour after the shooting by Policemen Crafton and Sheppard. The bullet entered near the left ear and lodged in the brain. His condition is such that an operation has not been attempted. Hopkins confessed the shooting, but declares it to have been accidental.

Put Up Gun for Chips.
According to others in the game, Hopkins and Johnson had gambled together since early in the night. Hopkins lost seven or eight dollars, and it was after his last cent had been placed on the table that he became enraged. He offered his pistol to a curly for money with which to keep on, and it was Johnson's refusal to remit that started the row. No words passed before the weapon was flashed. Johnson fell beside his chair, and was dragged into the street to await the arrival of the ambulance. The car was intermingled with a general celebration, but before the police came all but two of those who knew the particulars of the affair had disappeared. Hopkins was in Police Court yesterday, but his case was continued until Saturday. In order to give the police a chance to work up the case.

The game is alleged to have been played in Lewis Reid's house, and unless the security is furnished, he will be held in jail as a witness against Hopkins.
Hopkins has been frequently arrested before, and is one of the most notorious characters in the city. The charge against him now is felonious wounding, which will be changed to murder if Johnson dies.

PUBLIC RECEPTION

Governor and Mrs. Swanson to Receive at the Mansion January 1st.
Governor and Mrs. Claude A. Swanson announce that they will receive their friends and the public at the White House from 9 to 11 o'clock on Friday evening, January 1st. No invitations will be issued, and the public is invited.
The Governor and Mrs. Swanson are always glad of an opportunity to have their friends with them, socially, and they are looking forward to this as a joyful event.

Men and women who are friends of the administration will flock to the Mansion to give the glad hand to the Governor and the mistress of the Virginia White House, and all the pleasure and happiness of the New Year.

The announcement is made that there will be no cards, and that the public is cordially invited.

Deerster Asleep in Snow.
Charles Foulks, colored, an alleged deserter from the United States Navy, was arrested early yesterday by Policeman Bernstein. Foulks was found drunk and asleep in a snow bank, and was taken to the First Police Station. He protests his innocence, and claims to have lost his discharge papers. He will be held in jail until the superior authorities have been notified.

Was Disorderly on Car.
Lee Winston (colored) was arrested last night for being disorderly on Broad and Twenty-fifth Street car No. 126. It was stated afterwards that he offered an insult to a young white woman.

Etheridge Crosley, Fifteen Years Old, Spends Horrible Night and Succumbs in Early Morning.

MAN BOUGHT HIM LIQUOR

Police Search for Stranger, Who May Be Indicted for Man-slaughter.

Coroner Taylor will hold an inquest at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon over the body of Etheridge Crosley, fifteen years old, of 1513 Beverly Street, who died yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock in the home of friends at No. 1407 Claiborne Street.

The purpose of the inquest will be to place the blame for the boy's death, which followed a night of intoxication, on a white man whose name is not known to the police, but who purchased the whiskey which resulted in the boy's death.
Liquor Bought by Stranger.
George Washington Alvin, nineteen years old, of No. 1024 Randolph Street, who was with Crosley when he drank the liquor, states that he and his friend started out on a drinking spree to celebrate. They were several times refused liquor by bar-tenders, and after many drink refusals, they finally succeeded, through a stranger, in obtaining a plentiful supply of spirits. Frank Alvin, a friend of Crosley, is believed to have been the last of the house, and under the age limit, was with the boys when the whiskey was bought.
Crosley, according to statements furnished by his friends, was a very quiet and well-behaved boy, and was a member of the Claiborne Street. He went to bed at 10:30 o'clock, and an hour later was taken very ill, but he was not awakened until midnight and seemed to rally from his sleep.

Terrified in Sleep.
At 1 o'clock the boy awoke in a delirium, screaming that some one was after him, and begged that he be let alone. He went to sleep again about 3 o'clock. At 6 o'clock he awoke, and asked that he be called by 8 o'clock, in order to get home in time for breakfast. He was the last heard of him before he was found dead in his room.
Mrs. Moseley and McCarthy were called in as soon as the boy's body was found. They are believed to have died within thirty minutes from the time he last awoke. He complained then of drowsiness, and of pains in his head, but he refused to be taken to the hospital, and his friends thought his condition due to the after-effects of hard drinking.

Coroner stated last night that the result of the inquest may be an indictment against the unknown man who knowingly violated the law in purchasing intoxicants for minors. Even though the charge of murder may not be made, it is probable that a stranger, if caught, will face a trial for manslaughter.

Not a Regular Drinker.
Crosley is said to have been a temperate youth, unaccustomed to drink, and the statements of his friends indicate that this fact caused the liquor to result fatally.

Post-mortem examination of the body was held, as the coroner saw at once the result of death. The remains were turned over to Undertaken Benjamin, who will be buried until the jury makes its report.
The boys who started out the night with Crosley declare they can identify the man who bought the whiskey, and Captain Alvin, who is the detective force, already has his men at work on the case. The whiskey was bought at a saloon very near the boy's home, and it is confidently expected that the stranger will be found.

Crosley is a son of Edward Crosley, who was notified of his son's death an hour after it occurred. He will lead a funeral to the efforts of the police in locating the stranger. In the history of the police department no case similar to this has ever taken place here.

Some Friends Call to Pass in a Few Gifts, but Santa Claus Did Not Appear.

Cut off from the cheer of the outer world, surrounded by iron bars, through which there was no hope of escape, empty-hearted and comfortless, the prisoners of both the City and Henric Jail derived a little of the Christmas cheer from the gifts of the prisoners, who were fortunate people were blessed. Santa Claus did not come down the chimney to any of them, but there were a few presents handed through the bars, and ministers of the gospel doled out to them some ray of hope and comfort.

In both places the prisoners were fed bountifully, according to a time-honored custom of the county and city officials. Though the two dinners were not on so lavish a scale as some that were eaten yesterday, they were still far better than any to which the majority of the prisoners had been used in their palmer days. Roast pork, turkey, the usual condiments, pies and candy were laid before them. Had it not been for the bars they would have thought themselves at home and with their families. Friends of some did not fail to remember them, and there were many small gifts handed in.

Former Prisoner Goes Back.
A remarkable instance of the Christmas spirit was the return of one of the former prisoners to the Henric Jail on Monday night. He wanted to join in the Christmas spirit, and to wish some of his friends and to wish them a prosperous New Year. Of all he had known there was only one left, and the two shook hands through the iron gratings and exchanged greetings. It was rather a pitiful commentary on the time and season, remarked the jailor, but it was also a sign that the deepest feeling sometimes finds a resting place in the basest souls. The two talked to each other a minute or two, and then the free man went on his way, while his friend signed a wish that he, too, were returning to friends and family.

Considering the circumstances, the day was very happily spent by the jailbirds. They discovered that the world was not so bad after all, and that they were still remembered.

Justice Crutchenfeld had previously handed out a long list of pardons for those who had committed only minor offenses, and they spent their Christmas at home.

HOLD DABNEY FOR ROBBERING HUBARD

Commonwealth's Attorney Identifies Man Who Snatched Watch in Street.

James Dabney, a young white man, who was arrested yesterday by Sergeant Whitmore on suspicion of having stolen a watch from Commonwealth's Attorney Hubbard, of Buckingham county, was taken to Governor Street Tuesday night.

Dabney was with Henry Aaron when the latter was arrested by Acting Detective Kellum and Policeman Tucker Wednesday morning for peddling without a license. He was seen to pass the watch to a young woman, but the officers did not know then that it was stolen property. The timepiece has been identified by Mr. Hubbard, and the attorney has also identified Dabney as the man who robbed him.

Mr. Hubbard was walking from the Bijou to his room at the Beattie boarding-house on the night he was robbed, and was only about fifteen paces from his door when the stranger walked up to him, snatched the watch from his pocket, and fled. He hesitated for a moment to draw the watch out, but did so, and it was snatched from his hand. He was too weak to pursue the thief, and his revolver had been left in his room.

As the watch has been identified and as Mr. Hubbard declares that Dabney was the man who robbed him, the officers believe that they have a pretty good case.

ANSWERED MANY CALLS

Ambulance Kept on the Jump, Though Fewer Accidents Than Last Year.
Accidents as the result of fireworks and Christmas celebrations were less this season than before, and the city ambulance corps reported that in such cases, had an easier time than it has had for many years previously. There were few calls yesterday. The most serious case reported was that of Harris McGraw, of 609 South First Street, whose eyes were filled with powder from the premature explosion of a fire-cracker. His eyes were badly injured and the accident may result seriously. The boy was treated by Dr. Bell, of the city ambulance, and left at home for further attention.

Charles Elchei, of 218 Bowling Green Road, will lose his little finger as the result of a fire-cracker explosion. His hand was badly burned and his fingers were practically torn off. He was attended by Dr. Bell, of the city ambulance, who treated the fingers and burned hand for the time being, and then left him to care for another patient.

RUBBER BOOTS AND SHOES.

Kohheimer's
Phone 2494 for Service.

THOMAS BIRDSONG SHOOTING HIMSELF

Gun Explodes Accidentally, Victim Being Rushed Here for Treatment.

In an effort to cross a ditch with a shotgun, which was almost as long as he is tall, Thomas Birdsong, twelve years old, of Waverly, was fatally injured yesterday afternoon while hunting in Nansemond county. He was hurried to this city, and was operated on after his arrival at the Memorial Hospital. No hopes are entertained for his recovery.

The youth, who is a son of Mr. F. L. Birdsong, was accompanied by his fourteen-year-old brother, Thomas. They were carrying the gun when it unexpectedly exploded, and he fell unconscious within a yard of his companion. When his brother fell, the older boy ran to his aid, and was also injured. The boy has never rallied from the shock. The entire load of birdsong entered the stomach and right arm. Birdsong was taken to his home, and local physicians advised that he be brought at once to Richmond.

He arrived on the "Cannon Ball," which reached this city at 7:45 o'clock last night, and was accompanied by his father and an older brother. The father waited outside the operating room while the physicians were at work on the boy.

The accident occurred at 4:15 o'clock, an hour after the two brothers started out on a hunt. The operation, considering the nature and location of the wound, was as successful as could be expected. Birdsong was said to be in an extremely critical condition at a late hour last night.

INVALIDS ENJOY TREE

Inmates of Children's Ward of Memorial Hospital Have Celebration.
Seven little hearts were made glad yesterday when the occupants of seven cots in the children's ward of the Memorial Hospital peeped from under their coverlets, to see a huge Christmas tree, prepared for their special benefit and laden with almost everything their hearts could desire, appear before them.
Nurses watched by the tiny beds until a late hour Christmas Eve night, and Santa Claus was well on his way before the last of the tiny eyes closed at once. There were presents for each child, and during the day many visitors were allowed to add to an already generous supply. Wornout with fatigue, the children one and all, closed a very merry Christmas before sunset.

The afternoon the Rev. John Moncure, city missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, held religious services for the benefit of the inmates of the administrative department of the hospital. The patients were wheeled into the hall on their cots. Members of St. Paul's church, assisted by Protestant Reformed, rendered a delightful musical program.